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A LARGE CONSIGNMENT OF  
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## THE NERVOUS AGE.

Has the reader noticed how nervous people have become nowadays? A well-known physician says that half the patients who come to him in these times are nervous; and the disorder is growing common every year. Restlessness, disturbed sleep and headaches are only a part of what the patients suffer. The worst is their misery of mind. They cannot face the smallest difficulty. A slammed door tortures the raw nerves. Their minds are undisciplined, their tempers irritable, their courage and concentration all gone.

The worst of it is, said the doctor, that people in this condition are tempted to fly to drugs. Morphine, cocaine, opium and similar things have an evil fascination. Others exerted themselves with fancy foods in the hope of building up their nerves.

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A QUANTITY OF  
**VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,**  
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Canton blackwood cabinet, desks, hall table, chairs and flowerstands; task upholstered chairs, Axminster pile and Brussels carpets, fine lace curtains, teak overmantels, brass flower pots and vases, brass fender and fire irons, etc., etc.  
Teak sideboard with bevelled mirror, dinner wagon, dining table and chairs, leather sofa and arm-chairs, glass and cutlery, dinner and desert services, table linen, etc., etc.  
Brass double bedstead, single brass mounted bedstead, teak toilet table and washstands, chest-of-drawers, toilet crockery, bed linen, etc. Pantry and Kitchen Utensils.  
A large quantity of pot plants.  
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Hongkong, Oct. 4, 1917. 2175

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## HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE HALF-YEARLY MEETING of Members will be held on SATURDAY, the 13th October, 1917, at 12 o'clock, at the Office of the Hongkong Jockey Club, on the ground floor of the Hongkong Club Annex, Chater Road.  
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Hongkong, Sept. 29, 1917. 2147

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## THE WAR.

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## SUNDAY'S TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

## THE BRITISH GAINS.

## WHOLE ENEMY POSITION JEOPARDISED.

London, Oct. 6.

Apart from the loss of the dominating positions, the Germans, on October 4, suffered a greater wastage of man-power than on any other day in 1917. The German communiqués evade this and endeavour to encourage their people by dwelling "on the restricted British gain in territory."

The fact is that the new British positions give our big guns command of a stretch of the coast from Nieport to Ostend and jeopardise the whole of the enemy position in west Flanders.

The value of the ground won is indicated by one correspondent who says that Bruges is now plainly visible to the British.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig has now won practically the whole ridge which the Germans have been struggling desperately for two months to hold. Kœnig's Spur and an isolated height at Moorslede, alone remain in the hands of the Germans, and when they are ejected from these they will be wholly in the plains, with the way open to the British to Kœnig's and Menin on the one hand, and on the other hand, through Houtulst forest, to Ostend.

## SUCCESSFUL BRITISH RAIDS.

London, Oct. 6.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—The enemy's artillery was more active but there was no infantry action.

We drove off an attempted raid to the south of Hellebeke.

The Welsh troops carried out a successful raid to the north east of Gouzeaucourt, bombing dugouts and inflicting casualties.

## GERMAN EFFORTS TO PREVENT ADVANCE.

Paris, Oct. 6.

A semi-official comment on the British victory points out that the Germans, knowing the determination of the British to obtain possession of the ridges before Ypres, quadrupled their artillery and brought up Division after Division, yet they were unable to prevent the British advance which has already won positions of decisive importance, commanding the road to Lille.

## BRITISH AND AMERICAN NAVAL CO-OPERATION.

Washington, Oct. 6.

Mr. Daniels, Secretary to the Navy, in a statement regarding the complete co-operation of the British Admiralty with the American Naval Authorities, since the outbreak of war with America and Germany, said that it characterises the Admiralty's spirit as one of perfect openness, frankness and co-operation. The Admiralty had given access to every bit of information relating to submarine warfare and has opened every door to Admiral Sims and his colleagues.

## A GERMAN RAIDER STRANDED.

Washington, Oct. 5.

The Navy Department has received a dispatch from Samoa which announces the arrival of an open boat containing the master of an American schooner.

The American captain related that the German raider *Seeadler* stranded on Lord Howe Island on August 2nd and was abandoned.

The commander and crew of the raider seized a motor-boat and a French schooner, which were armed, and put to sea.

The *Seeadler* left 47 victims of its raids on the island in a destitute condition.

## THE BRITISH FRONT.

## HUGE CAPTURE OF GERMAN PRISONERS.

London, Oct. 5.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—There was no infantry fighting of importance. We consolidated our positions.

We have captured 4,446 prisoners, including 114 officers, since yesterday morning.

## REDISTRIBUTION SCHEME FOR GREAT BRITAIN.

London, Oct. 5.

A redistribution scheme has been drafted by the Boundary Commissioners under the sanction of the People's Bill.

The scheme, which is the result of a Commission, including 25 for England and on each for Wales and Scotland.

## THE MACHINATIONS OF GERMAN DIPLOMACY.

## MORE REVELATIONS BY AMERICA.

Washington, Oct. 6.

Documentary proof of the activities and machinations of German diplomacy is furnished by the cables which passed between Count Bernstorff and Dr. von Jagow during February, March and May in 1916, and is now published by the State Department.

Count Bernstorff, on February 2, cabled to von Jagow that he had received trustworthy information concerning the political action of one of the enemy countries, which would bring about peace. He added that one of the leading political personalities of the country in question, was seeking a loan of \$1,700,000 in New York and for which security would be given. He was forbidden to give the name, but the affair was of the highest importance and he asked that the money be cabled immediately.

Herr Jagow, on February 29th, replied:—"Agree to loan, but only if peace action seems to you really serious. The project for the provision of the money in New York being at present extraordinarily difficult for us, if the enemy country is Russia have nothing to do with the business, as the sum is too small to have any serious effect there. Same applies to Italy, where it is not worth while to spend so much."

Count Bernstorff, on March 5th, cabled Herr Jagow to instruct the Deutsche Bank to hold 9,000,000 marks at the disposal of the representative of the Deutsche Bank in New York.

Count Bernstorff, on March 20th, cabled Jagow to advise the German Minister at Bern that someone desiring to establish relations with the German Foreign Office would call, giving the password "Sancti Regis."

Count Bernstorff added:—"The intermediary further requests that influence be put upon our Press to pass in silence the change of the political situation in France so that things may not be spoiled by German approval."

Herr Jagow, on May 31st, wired to Count Bernstorff:—"The person announced in your telegram of March 20th has not yet reported at Bern. Is there any more news of Bolo on your side?"

Bolo is a French journalist at present under arrest in Paris for accepting German money for the peace propaganda in France.

## A CONTEMPTIBLE SUGGESTION.

London, Oct. 6.

A telegram from Jassy states that Bulgarian emissaries in Switzerland, who got into touch with the Roumanian Delegates who are inquiring into the condition of the Roumanian prisoners, made proposals of a separate peace between Bulgaria and Roumania.

The proposals were rejected with contempt.

## RAILWAY STRIKE IN RUSSIA.

Petrograd, Oct. 6.

The Railwaymen, in view of the slowness of the Government in dealing with their demand for increased wages, have decided to cease all railway traffic except munition and military trains from October 10.

They adhered to their decision, despite an appeal from M. Kerensky not to increase the misfortunes of the country.

## ARTILLERY ACTIONS ON THE FRENCH FRONT.

London, Oct. 5.

A French communiqué states:—There were violent artillery actions on the right of the Meuse, in the region of Bezonvaux and at Hill 344.

## GERMAN REPORTS.

London, Oct. 6.

A German official message states:—The artillery activity increased to drum fire, between Poelcapelle and Gheluvelt.

A French attack, to the north-east of Rheims, failed.

## THE SILVER MARKET.

London, Oct. 6.

Silver is quoted at 46½. There is rather more offering but buyers are reserved. The market is dull.

London, Oct. 6.

Silver is quoted at 46½. The market is quiet.

Messrs. Samuel, Montagu and Company's report says:—"The silver market is more active and prices are again retrograde. In the absence of important buying orders and the return of prices to a lower level favours the Bull."

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## THE BATTLE OF BROODSEINDE.

## FURTHER DETAILS.

## ANZACS CLAIM RECORD NUMBER OF PRISONERS.

London, Oct. 5.

Our troops have been consolidating part of Rautel village. As we possess higher ground commanding Rautel, the local success here offers no advantage. Presumably their object was to drive us off the Broodseinde Ridge altogether. As illustrating the degree of the enemy's losses, some Australians last night counted nearly one thousand corpses on a front of little more than a thousand yards. The Anzacs claim that yesterday they established a record in the number of prisoners captured, compared with any unit of corresponding strength. They found in one shell-hole seven German officers crouching, including a Battalion Commander, the third the Australians have taken.

From a block house an Australian officer single-handed captured 31 prisoners. The New Zealanders fought magnificently, and the way they moved their guns was worthy of a military tournament.

## "TERRIBLE TOLL OF THE ENEMY."

During the day the German airmen flew low over our positions. We brought down at least one with machine-gun fire.

"In the attack on Poelcapelle we took a terrible toll of the enemy. I am told that six battalions on the front line were all killed or taken prisoner. Two battalions were seen coming down the road, presumably as reinforcements, but they were blown with shot to rags before they could get into action."

## TANKS IN ACTION.

The Tanks did excellent service by enabling the Warwick and other English troops to take two very strong important points and in successfully resisting attack. Several anti-tank and anti-aircraft guns are among the booty.

## NEWFOUNDLANDERS EXCELLENT RESULTS.

The Newfoundlanders gave a fine account of themselves by attaining excellent results at a light cost. It was about their part of the line that a young officer of nineteen years of age had an extraordinary escape. A shell burst almost at his feet and killed two orderlies accompanying him. When he recovered from the shock he found his puttees stripped off by the blast and he was quite uninjured.

Both the Australians and New Zealanders sometimes went far beyond the limits of the advance prescribed, and they had to be brought back, grumbling heartily that the freedom of infantry tactics should be subjected to the artillery barrage control.

Most of the German officers taken have adopted a most pessimistic tone, in which their talk regarding Germany's position and prospects is most significant.

## GERMAN EXPERT ON BRITISH OFFENSIVE.

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 6.

The German expert "General Ardenne," writing to the *Dusseldorfer Anzeiger* on the subject of the British offensive, says:—"Serious events also seem to be in preparation at Nieport, where the increasing bombardment of the German sea flank gives food for serious thought."

[The first portion of this cable was published in last night's "China Mail."]

## A LIVELY ENGAGEMENT.

London, Oct. 5.

A French communiqué states:—"There was a lively engagement on the right of the Meuse with an enemy group which gained a foothold in our advanced trenches. They were driven out and the line restored."

We carried out successful raids at Souain and Begniewill.

## ENTHUSIASM AT HOME.

London, Oct. 6.

The bells of York Minster were rung yesterday at noon in honour of Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig's victory.

Sir Manningham Buller, on behalf of the British Empire Union, writes to the Press suggesting that bells be rung and flags displayed throughout the country.

## DYSENTERY RAVAGING GERMAN CITIES.

London, Oct. 6.

A correspondent on the French front says that the correspondence of German prisoners is full of details of the spread of dysentery and hunger typhus in Germany. The former, especially ravaging Berlin, Cologne, Wiesbaden and Stuttgart and other large towns necessitating the closing of barracks and cinema.

Professor A. Krumpholtz, lecturing at Leipzig, refers to the appearance of dysentery and typhus and to the great increase of tuberculosis.

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THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE HONGKONG FOOTBALL CLUB will be held in the Offices of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., (Top Floor) by kind permission, on WEDNESDAY, 10th October, at 3.30 P.M.  
W. J. MORRISON,  
Acting Hon. Secretary.  
Hongkong, Oct. 8, 1917. [2150]

### NOTICE

THE Offices and Stations of Chinese Maritime Customs for Kowloon and District will be CLOSED to Public Business on WEDNESDAY, the 10th October, being the date of the National Festival of the Republic of China.  
A. H. HARRIS,  
Commissioner of Chinese Customs.  
York Buildings,  
Hongkong, Oct. 8, 1917. [2181]

### THE CALENDAR.

#### MEMO. FOR TO-DAY.

8 p.m.—Entire close for the Harbour Swimming Race.

#### MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of one Hammerless Gun at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.  
3 p.m.—Sale of Crown Land at P.W.D.  
4.45 p.m.—Auction of Postage Stamps at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.

#### General Memoranda.

WEDNESDAY, Oct. 10—  
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture etc. at "Nettlewood," 55 Robinson Road.

5.30 p.m.—Harbour Swimming Race. Opening night of the "Fantasies" at the Theatre Royal.

THURSDAY, Oct. 11—  
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Furniture, Blackwood, Pianos etc. at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.

SAUNDAY, Oct. 13—  
Noon—Hongkong Jockey Club's Half-yearly Meeting.

### THE 'CHINA MAIL'

#### NOTICE

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restrain it," it writes, "from holding fast to what the strength of our brothers has won for us, and what their valuable blood has purchased? No, the soil of Flanders has risen through this gigantic battle as high in value for us that the whole earth has not treasure enough to ransom it again out of our possession. On that soil Germany shatters England's craze for dominion, and on that soil Germany will set up trophies of freedom that will shine forth for ever."

The unrestricted publication of such extreme views has been causing trouble in Austria. The Austrian Arbeiter Zeitung of August 2, commenting on Mr. Balfour's speech wrote:—"If Germany would give us honest assurance, without limitations and reservations, of her readiness to restore and recognise the full independence of Belgium, such a declaration by the German Empire would change the whole situation, and materially prepare the way for peace. The greatest mistake of German policy has been that it refuses to make such a declaration and will not abandon the idea of maintaining some kind of sovereignty in Belgium." In the same issue it wrote:—"One cannot help feeling that a strong and sincere word-spoken from Berlin would be certain to have its effect on the resistance of the foe. These half-promises, which the next sentence half takes away, have done more harm than good."

It will be remembered that when the War Council in Germany was pressing the extreme U-Boat plan on the better elements of the country, it used the argument that this terrible weapon was really merciful inasmuch as it would bring the war to an end in a few months, some time in June of this year being the date generally suggested for the downfall of England. That notion has now been abandoned. Even Captain PERSTEN, no pessimistic valuer of German prospects, has now to put the date of success much later. Writing in the Berliner Tageblatt, of August 3, he said:—"The unrestricted U-Boat war, begun on February 1, of this year, raises hopes that before the end of the fourth year of war England and her Allies will be forced to conclude peace." Even this lengthy postponement, however, is too sanguine for Austrian writers. The Arbeiter Zeitung of July 24 published an article by "an expert" which came to a very different conclusion. "In traffic between European ports, the time spent on the actual voyage is insignificant compared with the period required for loading and unloading in port. A simple technical improvement in the docks might multiply the actual value of the available tonnage very substantially. Probably the Entente has succeeded in doing this, for the old complaints about congestion in English ports and long delays seem to have ceased now. As regards ocean travel between England and her colonies, the time spent on the voyage is proportionately much longer, and the same saving could not be effected. The loss of such ships would present a more serious problem. But it is a remarkable fact that very little is heard of such ships being sunk. Therefore, probably, they do not enter the danger-zone at all, but ply between the colonies and the Suez Canal or ports near Europe, where their cargoes are transhipped on small bottoms. Finally, the concentration of shipping under Central Authority has effected a large saving, and all these factors make it doubtful whether submarine warfare can be successful, especially in view of the notorious fact that the supply of tonnage before the war was far in excess of the demand." We need not discuss the accuracy of the reasons for this want of confidence in the results of the submarine; it is sufficient to notice that the want of confidence exists.

## THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, MONDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1917.

### WHAT THE GERMANS ARE SAYING.

OUR enemies do not appear in the past two months to have made clearer even to themselves what their war-aims of peace-aims really are. The Imperial Chancellor has interpreted his dubious first speech in the Reichstag in a sense that has hardened the hearts of the annexationists. An informal reception was held in the Reichstag on August 4th, in commemoration of August 4, 1914, and Dr. MICHAELIS is reported to have said:—"We all know what we want. We will hand down our patrimony intact to future generations. We will guarantee our children and our grandchildren against the misfortune of a war such as this. We will preserve our country by a strong and wise peace, in order that the German race may retain a sure ground for its healthy and vigorous development. The gentlemen who spoke before us showed that our strength was not paralysed and that our will is as strong as it was on August 4, 1914. The heaviest sacrifices deserve the highest reward." Some other voices show the nature of the "reward" that the Germans still crave. The Rheinisch-Westfälische Zeitung of August 2, gives the view of the Bremen workmen. "The Free Committee for German Workmen's Peace desires a peace which shall in some measure make good to workmen the sacrifices endured in war. Peace must bring us therefore: (1) Security of Frontiers; (2) Land for Settlement; (3) Freedom of the Seas; (4) Indemnities." The Professor of the University of Bonn alludes to the statement often published in Germany that the peace resolution was passed in the Reichstag only because of the threats of the Majority Socialists to refuse to vote the war credits without a promise of Parliamentary reform. "We disapprove," they say, "of a political party making its attitude with regard to foreign policy dependent on domestic political concessions. We adhere firmly to constitutional monarchy as the foundation of the Prussian State and to the federal character of the German Empire. We rely upon it that the peace which our Emperor has to conclude will take the vital conditions and the geographical and military necessities of Germany into account." The Leipziger Neueste Nachrichten of August 5 discussed the question of Belgium, worried in mind over the solemn protestations of Germany that after the war, Belgium would have as freedom restored. "Are we really sentimental considerations for

## NEWS OF THE DAY.

### LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The directors of Tronoh Mines, Ltd., have declared a dividend of one shilling per share, less income-tax.

The Manila Observatory this morning reports a cyclone or typhoon, E. of Aparri, less than 300 miles distant, moving N.N.E.

Penang's Our Day Fund already reaches \$30,000. At this rate, says the Straits Times, with the lottery proceeds Penang should raise not far short of \$200,000 this year.

The American Consulate General informs us that they have received news from Manila that the typhoon to the East of Luzon (Long. 124 E. Lat. 17 N.) is recurring North-East.

The China Navigation Co.'s steamer Tena, which was wrecked at the Philippines some time ago and subsequently refloated, has been brought to Hongkong and docked at the Tai Koo yard.

While a steamer of the Blue Funnel Line was recently taking oil at Pulau Bukom, a fire broke out in the engine room, and the second engineer, named Arthur Black, and a fireman were burnt. They were sent to the General Hospital, where the engineer died two days later. It is not known what caused the fire.

The weekly religious meeting of the Helena May Institute will be held on Tuesday afternoon at 5.30 when the first of a series of three fortnightly addresses will be given by the Rev. J. Kirk-Macdonald on "Teachings of Christ with regard to daily life." The meeting is open to all women.

A single contribution which will amount at least to £12,000, and probably more, was made to the Russian emigrant aid movement on September 26 by Mr. M. Ginsburg, a wealthy Russian merchant of Yokohama and Moscow, says the "Japan Advertiser." Mr. Ginsburg agreed to rent the Royal Hotel, Yokohama, and pay all its running expenses for one year—servants' hire, light and fuel, and all food required during this year—as a home for Russian emigrants stranded in Yokohama, en route to their future homes in the United States.

### ANOTHER SHIP LAUNCHED AT TAIKOO DOCKYARD.

#### S.S. "SUIYANG."

This vessel, which has been built for the China Navigation Co., Ltd., has just been successfully launched from Taikoo Dockyard. The "Suiyang" measures 320 feet long over all, 41 feet beam, 24 feet 9 inches moulded depth, gross tonnage 2535, and is built of Siemens-Martin steel to scantlings approved by the British Corporation. The vessel is specially designed to Owner's requirements and has a cellular double bottom for water ballast extending all forward and aft, and afterships also being arranged for water ballast. Accommodation is provided on the bridge deck for European passengers and on the main deck and amidships for Chinese steerage passengers, while a house is fitted aft to accommodate first class Chinese passengers. Officers and engineers are berthed in a house on the bridge deck. The Captain's cabin and wheel house are arranged on the bridge deck. Lifeboats are fitted under davits amidships and on the after deck, providing ample accommodation for passengers and crew. The machinery consists of one set of triple-expansion surface-condensing engines, having cylinders 22 inches, 36 inches and 56 inches diameter with a stroke of 39 inches, steam being supplied from one large multi-tubular boiler. Engines and boiler have also been constructed by the Shipbuilders.

### SINGAPORE'S TRADE.

#### CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETING.

At the half-yearly meeting of Singapore Chamber of Commerce, the Hon. Mr. Cook, the Chairman, said the increase of import values in the half year was \$35,900,000 and of exports \$45,000,000, but shipping figures, which are the real index of prosperity, showed a diminution of berthing tonnage. Cargo inward and coal outward had all fallen off. The Pacific route, however, was helping trade. Singapore was now easily the first rubber market of the world. The object of the Chamber must be to try to keep Singapore the cheapest port in the East.

### CHILDREN'S COLDS.

Why do children catch colds so easily? The answer is, they are not properly cared for. A bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, for sale by all Chemists and Druggists, will cure them.

## CHINESE AFFAIRS.

### ["China Mail" Service.]

#### THE SOUTHERN SEPARATISTS.

##### THE COMPROMISE NEGOTIATIONS.

PEKING, Oct. 7.  
Luk Wing Ting, Chan Ping Kwan, Tam Hoi Ming and Ching Pi Kwong have sent a joint telegram favouring a Provisional Senate and stating that the Navy will be loyal again and the Extraordinary Parliament will be dissolved on condition that the Tukwan of Hunan is changed.

The Government had a four hour conference on the telegram, after which the Premier telegraphed to Luk Wing Ting saying that the Government would not finally decide until after it had received Luk Wing Ting's reply.

#### THE SITUATION IN HUNAN.

The Premier has had an important conference with a high military official at his residence last night. Measures concerning Hunan were discussed.

#### THE REFORM OF CHINA'S FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION.

The Minister of Finance is sending ten officials from his Ministry to Japan for four months to study the financial administration there, with a view to undertaking the reform of the financial administration in China on their return.

#### RUMOURED LOAN NEGOTIATIONS WITH JAPAN.

It is reported that the Premier is negotiating for a loan of \$50,000,000.

#### THE POLICE RESERVE OPEN AIR CONCERT.

The large attendance at the second open air promenade concert in the Public Gardens on Saturday night showed the keen appreciation of the residents of Hongkong of these evening entertainments.

The weather was beautifully cool and this, combined with the tasteful decoration of the gardens and the music, provided a restful and soothing tonic for the jaded business man after his week's work.

His Excellency the Governor, accompanied by his Aide-de-Camp, and most of the Police Reserve Officials were present and there were also present quite a large number of Army and Navy officials.

As previously, the programme was well selected, and the soloists were greatly appreciated, especially the vocal efforts of Miss Enid Cooper, who made her debut in Hongkong. Her rendering of the "The Long Long Trail" was particularly good, the audience taking up the chorus with great enthusiasm. Miss Gordon also sang, and the violin obligato played by Miss M. Gordon added much charm to the vocalist's excellent singing. Mr. H. E. Mariel and Mr. E. G. Aquino rendered the songs down to their names on the programme admirably, and were heartily applauded.

It is a pity these open air concerts are not provided at more frequent intervals.

### PIQUANT PARS.

#### [BY A PIQUANT PARAGRAPHIST.]

"U.S. troops trained to meet gay" reads the heading of a report about the American troops in France. "Why isn't a similar class formed in Hongkong, I wonder? It should prove popular, especially among those who have to pass the Praya East foreshore on their way to town."

"The Military Service Bill in the Straits Settlements has been withdrawn in deference to the position of the Unofficial members of the Legislative Council," H.E. the Governor said he was in favour of the measure but he "certainly would not attempt to pass a Bill which was opposed by even a majority of the Unofficial members!" Bravo Straits! Now, gentlemen of Hongkong, into line! Quick march!

"There is nothing more regular in coming round than dinner time" said Trotty Veck in "The Chimes" by Charles Dickens. But what about the Shrovetide every day of the month?

## THE MAGISTRACY.

### THEFT OF RICKSHAW RUBBER TYRES.

The manager of Gibbs & Co., Wan-chai, charged a coolie with the larceny of 100 lbs of rickshaw rubber tyres valued at \$80 from a truck at Connaught Road West.

When brought before Mr. Wood this morning defendant pleaded not guilty stating he had bought the stuff from a Chinaman on Saturday. Whether it was stolen or not he could not say.

Inspector Kent stated that last Saturday complainant's coolies were loading some goods from a truck on to a steamer at Connaught Road West. The rubber tyres were left on the truck when the coolies went on board the steamer, but when they returned the rubber tyres were no longer there. The complainant then sent round a fink to make enquiries from all the rickshaw dealers with the result that yesterday the fink found the defendant trying to sell 100 lbs of tyres. The fink asked defendant to bring the tyres as he wanted to see them before buying. When defendant returned with the tyres he was arrested.

His Worship adjourned the case to next Thursday.

### ALLEGED THEFT BY A BANKER'S FOKI.

Charged before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning with the larceny of \$1,780 in Chinese 20 cent pieces, a Chinese told His Worship that he only took the money for the time being, in order to pay his accounts.

Inspector Davitt stated the defendant was a foki of a Chinese bank at 68 Wing Lok Street. Last night the defendant was assisting the banker to count up the money right up to 11 o'clock. Somehow or other he managed to get hold of \$1,780 and took it away with him to Bridges Street where he lived. A lunko stopped him as he was leaving a rickshaw with the money, whereupon he showed the man a chit authorising him to take the money. The lunko did not believe him and brought him back to the Bank to have the matter explained. This was done by the banker who had defendant arrested.

His Worship adjourned the case to Thursday next.

### CANTON GOVERNOR'S SECRETARY CHARGED.

A Chinese was charged before Mr. Wood this morning with attempting to export without a permit 196 Mexican dollars.

Mr. Leo d'Almada, who appeared for the defence, stated that the defendant was the Secretary of the Civil Governor of Canton and the Dean of several Colleges in Canton. He had been commissioned by the Governor of Canton to proceed to Yanchow on an educational mission and the money he had with him had been given him by the Chinese Government to pay his expenses.

His Worship ordered the money to be converted into banknotes and returned to the defendant and adjourned the case sine die. In the meantime, his Worship added, the defendant would be allowed to proceed on his journey.

### YOUNG THIEF LET OFF WITH A CAUTION.

A Chinese boy of 16 years of age was charged before Mr. Dyer Ball on Saturday morning with the larceny of a gold watch and pendants, a diamond ring and several other articles to the total value of \$230 from the assistant compradors of Messrs. Cooper & Co.

Mr. Leo d'Almada, who appeared for the prosecution, stated that the complainant did not want to press the case. Defendant was a relation of the Compradors of Messrs. Cooper & Co., and he had only recently come down from the country. It appears that he got amongst bad companions and when the opportunity offered he was unable to withstand the temptation. In view of his youth and having no desire of making him a hardened criminal, Mr. d'Almada begged His Worship to take a lenient view of the offence. The Compradors had also promised to send the accused back to the country for correction.

His Worship administered a severe reprimand and discharged the defendant.

### PROSECUTION BY THE IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OFFICE.

The case was resumed this morning in which the Manager of the Osaka Shosen Kaisha was charged as agent of the Malaya Mail, with furnishing to the Imports and Exports Office an incorrect statement of articles exported by that ship to Singapore.

Mr. J. D. Lloyd presented a statement bearing the evidence of the manager, His Worship (Mr. Dyer Ball) dismissed the case, the defendant being allowed to return to the island.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

### THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT AND WAR LOTTERIES.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail"]

Sir.—Thanks for your answer to my question. It is that the Indian Government evidently thought two lotteries were enough. Obviously But my question begins precisely where this answer leaves off. Is it why should the two be thought enough? Why should "other parts of India" be forbidden to do as those covered by the two authorised Sporting Clubs in that vast country?

Why also are Straits lotteries to be regarded as an experiment which will not be repeated? This is not the way in which experiments are reported upon when successful.

Re-reading your Friday column, I see that "Scrutator" does take the matter a point farther, and I am honestly grateful for his attempt to meet this business with a semblance of intellectual respectability. He admits, unless I misread, that the method is open to exception, but holds that in the circumstances the end justifies the means. But I am left at a loss to account for the sharp and sudden stopping short with just one single effort along a line acclaimed as so hopeful.

We are to do once, it appears, some thing which it would hardly do to do twice. No other reason is suggested for closing the gates on the flood of patriotism and philanthropy. I confess this seems to me to be but short-sighted finance and very hand-to-mouth morality. If the plan is profitable and justifiable why not work it for all it is worth?

Yours, etc.,  
J. KIRK-MACONACHIE.

### THE YELLOW RIVER DISASTER.

#### A LAKE OF 15,000 SQUARE MILES.

According to Chinese reports the floods during the last few days, says the "P. & T. Times" of Sept. 24th, have suddenly risen two to three feet above the embankments. The cause of this is the unexpected opening of the watergates at Wenanhsien for the purpose of releasing water from the district. Consequently, the Grand Canal has overflowed and the surrounding districts on the north bank of the river were flooded to a depth of more than 2 feet. To the west, the Tientsin-Pukow Railway track is again seriously affected. The north-bound train could only reach as far as Liangwanghuang. The steam locomotives which are employed to carry passengers across the break on the line were, owing to the increased strength of the torrent, unable to do their work, and the mail from the south was thus interrupted. The embankments at Lichia-yuan, west of Yanglinghsing, were broken to a width of 47 ft. The water rushed out southwards and inundated Nanwah, where an isolated railway was located, and this has done much to stop the flood from extending southwards.

The "P. & T. Times" says: "Perhaps for explanatory purposes it is sufficient to consider an isosceles triangle, with the Heiluo as its base, the Tsin-Tsui main line on one side, and the loop line to the river as the other, the two sides meeting at the junction of the main and loop-lines. Within this triangle are situated the Foreign Concessions of Tientsin, a great part of the Tsin-Tsui line, and a considerable tract of low-lying country behind the foreign Concessions. The Grand Canal crosses the Tsin-Tsui main line, into the triangular area a few miles from Tientsin. The banks of this 'canal' are considerably above the level of the surrounding country, and it is the near bank alone which has hitherto kept the flood waters out of the Tientsin area. Between the Grand Canal and Pootungfu, an area of roughly 15,000 square miles, the country is at the present moment may be described as being practically one immense lake, varying in depth, but at some points eight to ten feet deep. The water in this area has been rising during the past few days, and has overflowed the banks at some points on Friday last. During the night, and on Saturday several breaks occurred, inside and outside the triangles above described, with the result that a torrent of water flowed into the lower-lying areas. With a view to relieving this overflow of water the 'country-folk' on Saturday cut the main Tsin-Tsui railway embankment outside the triangle, thus making a way for some of the flood waters to escape below Tientsin. But as this bank had also broken at several places within the triangle this measure afforded no opening for the outflow of the waters that actually threaten Tientsin."

Mr. Pinchev strongly recommended that a breach of at least a kilometre should be made in the railway loop-line embankment without delay, and permission to make the breach was given by the Governor of the China Sea.

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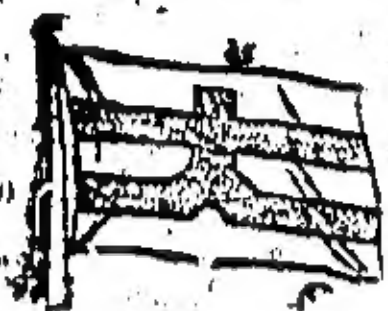




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